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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND DR. EGGMAN CAME TO OUR WORLD WHEN ONE OF THE DOCTOR'S MACHINES BACKFIRED! SONIC HAS BECOME A WORLDWIDE HERO! DOCTOR EGGMAN IS USUALLY HIS ENEMY, BUT TONIGHT, HE'S DISGUISED AS LUCHADOR EL GRAN GORDO!

WHAT HAPPENED, EL GRAN GORDO? EARLIER TONIGHT, WE WATCHED YOU WIN THE CHAMPION BELT! *

SI, MI AMIGO. WHAT CAME NEXT IS A HARROWING TALE...

*JUST LAST ISSUE! YOU HAVE IT, DON'T YOU?

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I HAD JUST CONQUERED ANDES THE GINORMOUS AND WAS FULL OF CONFIDENCE. I DECIDED TO CONTINUE MY WINNING STREAK AND TAKE DOWN THAT HANDSOME GENIUS DOCTOR EGGMAN.

I KNEW BECAUSE OF HIS CUNNINGNESS, HE WOULD BE A DIFFICULT FOE, BUT I WAS SURE I COULD DEFEAT HIM. I APPROACHED HIS TOWER BASE BRAZENLY...

DOCTOR EGGMAN'S DEFENSES WERE FIERCE AND MANY! I FOUGHT BRAVELY AND USED EVERY TECHNIQUE I KNEW. I BESTED MANY A ROBOT...

BUT IT WAS TOO MUCH! I HAD TO MAKE A TACTICAL RETREAT SO I COULD COME HERE AND FIND HELP.

DON'T YOU WORRY, GRAN GORDO. I'M SURE I'VE GOT SOMETHING IN MY LAB THAT CAN HELP YOU!

WHILE YOU GUYS PLAN YOUR ATTACK, I'LL SHOW YOU MY SCRAP-BOOK! IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

AND AFTER THAT, WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH MY YEAR-BOOK TOGETHER. I *KNOW* WE WENT TO SCHOOL TOGETHER!

ALL RIGHT, EGGMAN. WHAT *REALLY* HAPPENED?

EL GRAN GORD

ARGH...

I BARELY BEAT THAT ANDES OAF IN THE FIGHT. I WAS TIRED, AND JUST WANTED TO GO HOME.

I'D FORGOTTEN I'D BUILT A ROBOT TO LOOK LIKE ME. BOKKUN WAS SUPPOSED TO USE IT TO PRETEND TO BE ME SO I COULD BE EL GRAN GORDO AGAIN.

BUT HE DIDN'T STOP PLAYING THE PART! I WAS BRANDED AN INTRUDER AND WAS ATTACKED ON MY OWN DOORSTEP!

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN BREAK INTO MY BASE ON MY OWN. SO I CAME TO... YOU.

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT. I'LL HELP YOU ONLY IF YOU PROMISE TO NEVER BE GRAN GORDO AGAIN.

FINE.

EXTORTIONIST.

WITH THAT SETTLED-- LET'S GO INVADE A BASE!

AWW!

MUST YOU GO SO SOON?

I WISH I COULD STAY, SEÑORITA. BUT EVIL WILL NOT WAIT FOR PLEASANTRIES. ¡WE MUST *PRISA!*

YEAH! GO GET HIM, GRAN GORDO!

COME ALONG, HEDGEHOG. WE HAVE TO MAKE PREPARATIONS.

"PREPARATIONS"?

IF YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME, YOU HAVE TO *DO IT RIGHT.*

SOON...

HERE WE ARE. ARE YOU READY, SIDE-KICK?

NO.

I LOOK RIDICULOUS, AND DON'T CALL ME YOUR "SIDE-KICK."

EL GRAN GURDO

NONSENSE! YOU MAKE A FINE LUCHADOR!

SO--HOW ARE WE GETTING IN?

I'M HOPING THEY THINK THEY DROVE ME OFF FOR A WHILE AND HAVE LET THEIR GUARD DOWN. SO WE SNEAK IN.

FOLLOW ME, CHUM!

DON'T CALL ME "CHUM"!

DO YOU NEED A HAND WITH THAT, DOCTOR EGGMAN?

ERM... NO, BOCOE. I'M FINE. ARE YOU, UH, WORKING HARD?

PIZZA
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OH, YES, SIR. WE'RE FOLLOWING YOUR ORDERS TO THE LETTER.

MY ORDERS? I MEAN-- OF COURSE, MY ORDERS! CARRY ON!

YES!

THIS IS WONDERFUL! WITH BOKKUN AS THE DOCTOR, WE GET A FREE VACATION!

ALL BOKKUN DOES IS EAT JUNK FOOD! WE CAN DO ANYTHING WE WANT!

BREEP BREEP BREEP

ALERT

UH-OH.

HE'S BACK ALREADY! AND WHO'S THE LITTLE GUY WITH HIM?

I DON'T KNOW...

...BUT IT IS OUR DUTY TO PROTECT "DR. EGGMAN" AND THIS BASE! LAUNCHING DEFENSES!

OH, BOY!

NOT AGAIN!

WT!

WT!

TAKE THEM OUT, QUICK!

¡ARRRRIBA!

ZAP!

ZAP!

ZAP!

¡CARAMBA!

OH, NO!

SPLAT

BLAST IT ALL! THAT WAS MY ONLY ROPE.

RELAX, DOC. I'VE GOT A PLAN. I JUST NEED A RUNNING START.

ZOOOOM

A RUNNING START ...?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! NO! STOP!

WOO-HOO! DON'T STOP! WEEEEEE!

CRASH!

THERE IS NOTHING THAT CAN STOP EL GRAN GORDO AND EL RAPIDO AZULE!

NEED A BREATHER...! NOT...RAPIDO AZULE...

YOU'VE DONE WELL TO MAKE IT THIS FAR, DOUBLE-G.

BUT YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE DOCTOR EGGMAN'S FORCES!

GO, BADNIK ARMY!

WE CAN DO THIS, RAPIDO AZULE! USE YOUR LUCHADOR TRAINING!

ACK! I DON'T HAVE LUCHADOR TRAINING!

PFFT! HOW DO YOU FIGHT IN THIS THING? AND STOP CALLING ME "RAPIDO AZULE!" I DIDN'T AGREE TO THAT!

HAHAHA HAHAHA!

FIGHT ALL YOU WANT, LUCHADORS!

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EL GRAN GORDO

OH! O-OF COURSE! GO AWAY, BADNIK ARMY!

PARTY'S OVER!

HOW DARE YOU TURN MY OWN MARVELOUS MACHINES AGAINST THEIR MASTER?!

F-F-FORGIVE US, DR. EGGMAN! YOUR COPY WAS JUST TOO BRILLIANTLY DESIGNED!

GRAN GORDO

Y-Y-YEAH! AND YOUR GRAN GORDO COSTUME IS SO CONVINCING!

WELL, I AM A GENIUS. I SUPPOSE YOU TWO DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE.

EL GRAN GORDO

THEN WHERE'S THE FAKE EGGMAN?

HE'S MOSTLY BEEN IN LAB FOURTEEN.

WHAT?! NO!

THAT'S WHERE I WAS FINISHING THE E-73! HE BETTER NOT HAVE SCRATCHED MY EGG BABYLON!

NEW SUPER-WEAPON, HUH? SOUNDS LIKE FUN!

ER--I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE! NO NEED FOR YOU TO SEE MY UNFINISHED-ER-PROJECT!

NUH-UH! I PROMISED TO HELP YOU. I'M NOT BACKING OUT NOW.

GRRR... FINE. BUT YOU'LL SPOIL THE SURPRISE FOR YOURSELF...

MREE-HEE-HEE-HEE! WELCOME TO YOUR DOOM, LUCHADORS!

SHA-

KAW!

¡RAPIDO AZULE!

NOT ANYMORE! NOW LET ME RETURN THE FAVOR!

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

WOW, THAT ARMOR'S TOUGH! DOES THIS THING HAVE A WEAKNESS?

...

COME ON! THERE'S ALWAYS *SOMETHING* I CAN DO TO DESTROY YOUR STUFF!

SHA-

KAM!

ALL RIGHT, ALREADY.

TELL ME! OTHERWISE, YOU'RE GOING TO GET FRIED BY YOUR OWN MACHINE!

THERE'S A NETWORK OF VENTS USED TO COOL ITS CORE. THEY RUN FROM THE COMMAND CENTER ALL THE WAY TO THE FLOOR.

THANKS, DOC! THAT'S PERFECT!

DADDY'S SORRY! I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL THE MEAN HEDGEHOG YOUR SECRET!

ONE TRASHED BOSS ROBOT, COMING UP!

WILL THE NOT-REAL EGGMAN PLEASE GET UP?

GAK!

H-H-HEY, NOW! LET'S TAKE IT EASY, EVERYBODY!

YOU TOLD ME TO ACT JUST LIKE YOU! I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WANTED ME TO STOP! MY BAD?

YES, WELL, NO MORE BEING ME FOR YOU!

AND NO MORE BEING GRAN GORDO FOR YOU, REMEMBER?

AH, YES, OF COURSE.

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AND SO...

HEY, BUDDY! I'M BACK!

=YAWN!=

WELCOME BACK, SONIC. WHERE'S GRAN GORDO?

ER... HE SAID HE HAD OTHER ADVENTURES TO GO ON. HE COULDN'T SWING BY. AND... *UM... LO SIENTO.*

THAT'S TOO BAD. ELLA WAS CONVINCED HE TOOK HER TO THE PROM, AND SHE WANTED TO PROVE IT.

BUT YOU GUYS ACCOMPLISHED HIS MISSION, RIGHT?

WITH FLYING COLORS.

I APPRECIATE YOUR HELPING HIM, EVEN IF YOU THOUGHT HE WAS DOCTOR EGGMAN. YOU'RE THE COOLEST, SONIC!

AS LONG AS YOU THINK SO, BUD.

OH, WHY CAN'T I EVER HAVE MY CAKE AND EAT IT, TOO?

SO MUCH FOR OUR LITTLE VACATION.

IT'S LIKE ALL THE WORK WE DIDN'T DO THEN IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.

THAT'S BECAUSE IT IS! NOW QUIT BEING CRY-ROBOTS AND GET BACK TO CLEANING THIS PLACE UP!

Y-Y-YES, SIR.

SNAP

HA! STILL GOT IT!

I DO ENJOY BEING AN EVIL GENIUS. I REALLY DO.

DR. EGGMAN'S ROOM

STAY OUT OR ELSE!

BUT SOMETIMES, IT'S FUN TO ESCAPE...

EL GRAN GORDO

AND SO ENDS THE LEGEND OF **EL GRAN GORDO**...OR *DOES* IT?
COME BACK NEXT TIME FOR *"METEOR MADNESS"* IN *SONIC X* NUMBER 33!
AND UNTIL THEN, THERE'S ALWAYS *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG* AND *THE SONIC ARCHIVES*!

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Hope you all enjoyed El Gran Gordo's triumphant return! Now it's time to turn our attention to your letters...

Dear Sonic X-Grams, I have been reading Sonic X comics and in issue #18, Sonic, Tails, and Amy were talking about Shadow, but I haven't actually seen him in the comic series. I think you should put Shadow in.

- TRISTAN C.
AIRZONA

Don't you fret, Tristan...We have big plans for Shadow! Keep reading Sonic and Sonic X for more details (SHAMELESS PLUG #1)!

Dear Sonic X-Grams, I just want to say: Shadow RULES!

Jeez...Another Shadow fan? How many of you are there out there? (hint: write in and let us know!)

Is there a Super Shadow?

Of course there's a Super Shadow..... Besides the game appearances (Sonic Adventure 2, for example), Super Shadow has made appearances in Sonic the Hedgehog issues #125 and, more recently, #169. Check out the back issue ads (SHAMELESS PLUG #2)!!

Could you come out with a Shadow mini-series?

- HUNTER B.
MAINE

No plans now for a Shadow mini-series, but again, fear not all you Shadow fans: you haven't heard the last of our favorite misunderstood hedgehog!

Dear Sonic X-Grams: Hey, peeps! OMG, you should totally make a Shadow the Hedgehog mini-series. I love him! I have his game and "Project: Shadow" from Sonic X. He may be over 50, but he's really rad.

- LACY H.
RHODE ISLAND

What is this, Red & Black Hedgehog Month? Didn't you read the other responses?! And yeah, I wouldn't mention the whole "50 years old" thing to Shad...He gets a bit testy about his age.

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ON SALE THE WEEK OF 6/9/08

FAN-ART

Let's try and get some SONIC-related letters next time, shall we? Ah, well. In the meantime: Keep on juicin'!

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